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6/16/09 Bd Mtg. Item 8  
ARRA  
Deadline: 6/10/09 by 12 noon



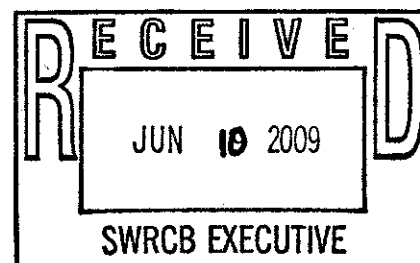
Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

June 10, 2009

Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Comment Letter – ARRA Subsidy

Dear Ms. Townsend:



Region 2 appreciates the opportunity to comment on the State Board's action this coming Tuesday, clarifying the implementation strategy for ARRA/SRF funds.

As nearly all of Region 2's TMDLs attest, urban runoff is by far our greatest source of pollution, impairment of our waters, and loss of beneficial uses. We believe that dedicating widely dispersed "forgivable loan" funds, such as the ARRA monies, to stormwater/urban runoff pollution prevention projects will give us the best environmental bang for our buck as these funds create sorely needed jobs in our Region and fund projects that have limited alternatives for funding.

For this reason I urge you to adopt:

- Funding allocation option 1B, allocating the additional 15 percent ARRA subsidy funds to new Expanded Use CWSRF projects, and
- Funding priority option 2b, for urban stormwater projects with the earliest construction date.

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Wolfe  
Executive Officer

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